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SUBJECT: ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS--EC PERM

REPS MEETING APRIL 30

REF: EC BRUSSELS 2568

1. WHEN THE EC COMMITTEE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
MET THE MORING OF MAY 2, WELLENSTEIN REPORTEDLY

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INDICATED THAT THE COMMISSION HAS GROUNDS TO BELIEVE

THE US MIGHT SOON SPECIFY WHAT MODIFICATIONS OF THE COMMISSION'S ARTICLE XXIV:6 PACKAGE ARE NECESSARY TO REACH AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, WELLENSTEIN SAID HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED OR WHEN THERE WOULD BE FURTHER WORD. BUT HE THOUGHT IT WAS A QUESTION OF A FEW DAYS. WE UNDERSTAND THE PERM REPS WILL SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL DISUCSSION ON THIS SUBJECT WHEN THEY RECEIVE FURTHER ADVISE FROM THE COMMISSION.

2. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD IN CONFIDENCE THAT, JUST PRIOR TO THE END OF THE DISCUSSION, THE ITALIANS AND THE FRENCH BOTH MADE SHORT STATEMENTS ON TOBACCO. THE ITALIANS REPORTEDLY INDICATED THAT THEY WISHED TO MAKE CLEAR THEY HAD ALREADY SAID THEIR LAST WORD ON THE TOBACCO QUESTION (REFTEL) AND EXPECTED TO HAVE NOTHING MORE TO SAY. THE FRENCH SAID THAT THEY WOULD BE UNABLE TO GO ANY FURTHER. COMMENT: WE ARE NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR ABOUT THE FRENCH POSITION ON TOBACCO. AS INDICATED IN THE REFTEL, FRANCE ON APRIL 29 ENTERED A RESERVATION ON THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL. OUR SOURCE BELIEVES THE LATEST FRENCH STATEMENT SIGNIFIES, AT THIS STAGE AT LEAST, THEY ARE UNABLE EVEN TO ACCEPT THE CURRENT COMMISSION OFFER IN FULL. END COMMENT.

3. SOAMES TOLD AMBASSADOR GREENWALD IN LONDON MAY 1 THAT THE TIME HAD NOW COME FOR THE US TO BE SPECIFIC ON WHAT WAS NEEDED TO SETTLE THE ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS. ASSUMING THE US MODIFICATIONS IN THE COMMISSION PROPOSAL WERE "MODEST" AND COVERED ONLY ONE OR TWO ITEMS (E.G. ORANGES AND TOBACCO),SOAMES BELIEVED THE COMMISSION COULD BRING THE MEMBER STATES ALONG. HE SAID WE SEEMDED VERY CLOSE TOGETHER AT THIS POINT AND HE THOUGHT MOST OF THE MEMBER STATES WANTED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE US. COMMENT: I AGREE THAT WE SHOULD NOW GIVE THE COMMISSION OUR MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THEY WILL RECOMMEND TO THE PERM REPS THE ACCEPTANCE OF A SOME WHAT IMPROVED PACKAGE.GREENWALD
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